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MASHELKAR COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Mashelkar Committee Report regarding the Euro II and Euro III norms for the motor vehicles;

(b) the progress made in their implementation; and (

(c) the steps taken to ensure that quality auto fuels are available throughout the country to ensure clean air?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) : The Mashelkar Committee, in its interim report has made the following recommendations regarding Euro II and Euro III norms for motor vehicles.

(i) Bharat Stage II norms which are equivalent to Euro II norms and have already been extended to Delhi, Mumbai, kolkata and Chennai, should be extended to three mega cities of Bangalore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad also before end of 20,03 and in the entire country from 1st April, 2005.

(ii) Euro III equivalent norms for all categories of vehicles (excluding two and three wheelers) should be introduced in seven mega cities (i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad) from 1st April, 2005 and to other parts of country from 2010.

(b) & (c): The process of evolving the testing norms and procedures for Euro III equivalent specifications is already in hand. The availability of corresponding fuel would be a necessary concomitant requirement. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has advised the oil companies to upgrade petrol and diesel quality to match Bharat Stage II and Euro III equivalent emission norms.